

# Troopers Investigating Fatal Industrial Accident – Wilmington

**Wilmington (19804)** – The Delaware State Police are conducting a death investigation as a result of an industrial accident that occurred at approximately 4:09 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2019 at the former General Motors Plant, located at 801 Boxwood Rd., Wilmington.

The initial investigation has determined that Atlantic Coast Dismantling (ACD), a Boston Massachusetts based company, was contracted out to perform demolition work at the plant. The demolition work being conducted involved the use of heavy machinery and cables to bring down steel beams. The head foreman for ACD, 64 year old Paul Leary of Miami Florida, was overseeing the work when a cable snapped, striking him in the upper torso and head area. Leary was pronounced dead on scene by responding EMS.

Representatives from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) also responded to the scene and will be working with Delaware State Police detectives with the ongoing investigation.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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